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Hi Gang!

I thought I'd take a minute to explain why I've been less than fully available over the past several weeks and to thank each of you for the valuable contributions you're making to this effort.

As you know, we have been asked to provide community involvement support up in Dimock, PA. Trish, Dave, Vance, Alex, Bill, Larry and Carrie have all been working hard to support the OSCs in the field and to work with the residents who are concerned that their drinking water wells have been contaminated by the natural gas drilling operations of Cabot Oil and Gas Company.

Over the past several weeks the CICs have been gathering information about each drinking water well and just last week, EPA made arrangements to deliver an alternate water supply to 4 residents who have levels of contamination that are a health concern and to sample about 50-plus residents to see if their wells are also contaminated. Trish spent last Thursday evening calling each home to let them know of our plans and Trish, Alex, Carrie and Larry were in the field over the weekend---braving the ice and snow!-- to deliver fact sheets and managing the media. Check out Trish's interviews below---great job!

In addition, Cherese has been supporting this effort by making sure the FOIAs that come in on this issue are handled promptly. We have already responded to one FOIA from the Scranton Times and expect that we'll get more FOIA requests as we go along.

For those of you not directly working on Dimock you are supporting your team mates, and me, which I appreciate immensely. This effort has not been without challenges and I just wanted you all to know that it takes the entire branch to make something like this work as well as it has.

Thank You!

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